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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand into all outlets was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate with lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were readily available for the light to fair at best demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was fairly good. Food service movement was usually quiet with some areas showing signs of improvement for the upcoming holiday weekend. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate for the lighter weight eggs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were easily adequate for the light to at times moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60	LARGE	35-44	39
LARGE	53-62	55-58	MEDIUM	9-15	13
MEDIUM	27-36	29-32	SMALL	7-11	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were readily available for the light to fair at best demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was reported as usually fairly good. Loose egg movement was mostly quiet. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate for the balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were easily adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-39

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for a light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were readily available for the light to fair at best demand.

RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.5-71 65-68
LARGE	62-69 63-66
MEDIUM	31.5-39 32-36

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices of extra large, large and medium were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	68-72
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	40-44

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	33-41	34-36

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 3%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in fair balance. Small benchmark price 52.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	128
EXTRA LARGE	113
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO	
LARGE	249-299	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-195	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 01, 2006 will decrease by 36 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 25, 2006 were 329,441 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	275,171	54,270	329,441
% change from the prior week.....	+0	-4	-0

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices continued unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate as most breakers were satisfied with current incoming shell eggs. Offerings were easily adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	30-32	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	16-18
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
28-AUG-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.		5.27

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
28-AUG-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7 CENTS/LB.		4.87
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 28, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.0	17.3	9.2	11.5	55.6
	Change	-0.5	2.3	3.8	-0.1	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.4	52.6	12.9	22.1	153.0
	Change	3.1	2.7	1.5	2.1	6%
Large	Curr Wk	41.2	169.5	80.2	88.0	497.6
	Change	-0.1	21.4	14.9	3.6	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.2	41.2	25.7	22.4	136.2
	Change	0.1	-11.3	0.4	-3.5	-12%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	11.0	1.9	4.4	29.9
	Change	0.7	-0.3	-0.5	-1.5	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.3	45.6	9.1	11.7	73.9
	Change	-0.9	1.3	1.5	-1.0	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.0	59.6	24.9	25.1	151.5
	Change	5.7	-2.7	0.1	-1.0	0%
Total	Curr Wk	116.7	396.8	163.9	185.2	1097.7
Percent	Change	7%	3%	15%	-1%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1097.7	4%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	221.4	-7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1319.1	2%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 25, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 5.00**FUTURE LOADS** 1.25**TOTAL LOADS** 6.25

TOTAL LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	38.50	40.00	—	—	1.00	SE	1.25	—	—	—	—	—	1.25
GL W XL	—	—	52.00	54.00	—	—	1.00	NE	—	5.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GL W LG	—	—	46.00	48.00	—	—	2.25								
GL W MD	—	—	21.50	23.00	—	—	2.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/21/06-08/25/06**CURRENT LOADS** 86.75**FUTURE LOADS** 37.50**TOTAL LOADS** 124.25

SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW			
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	37.50	—	38.38	40.50	—	—	10.00	GL W J	67.58	72.00	—	—	—	74.38	4.25
GL W J	—	—	59.00	60.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	48.50	54.57	—	—	—	60.00	19.50
GL W XL	—	54.50	51.70	54.79	49.31	—	38.25	GL W LG	47.58	51.14	—	58.30	—	55.57	27.25
GL W LG	—	56.67	46.00	49.40	44.87	53.00	34.50	GL W MD	21.48	26.89	—	—	—	30.63	9.25
GL W MD	28.00	24.64	20.83	22.80	23.78	26.30	23.50	GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	22.00	23.00	2.00
GL W SM	22.88	26.38	22.00	24.50	—	21.00	6.50	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	.25
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	55.00	—	.25	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	.75
GL BR XL	—	—	62.00	—	55.00	85.50	1.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	72.00	73.80	1.50
GL BR LG	—	—	61.00	—	69.50	84.50	1.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	31.00	32.00	7.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.00	3.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/21/06	08/14/06	08/22/05
PACIFIC COAST	115	133	231
LOS ANGELES	112	130	226

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady . Supplies of extra large and large are adequate for current needs. Retail demand is fairly good to good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.86
LARGE	79.86
MEDIUM	49.86
SMALL	45.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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## Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 8/20/2006 - 8/26/2006

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,787	2,787
Arkansas	0	780	1,673	2,453
Colorado	0	0	3,404	3,404
Illinois	0	0	628	628
Iowa	3,120	600	60,945	64,665
Maine	0	0	720	720
Michigan	0	1,581	6,399	7,980
Minnesota	4,543	865	10,869	16,277
Missouri	0	780	18,184	18,964
Nevada	0	0	888	888
New York	0	0	840	840
North Carolina	2,668	2,340	5,662	10,670
Ohio	0	0	6,570	6,570
Oregon	2,899	100	7	3,006
Texas	960	0	5,061	6,021
Utah	1,680	1,543	10,045	13,268
Virginia	0	1,740	0	1,740
Washington	1,675	1,258	0	2,933
Wisconsin	0	0	4,629	4,629
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17,545</b>	<b>11,587</b>	<b>139,311</b>	<b>168,443</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	<b>17,545</b>	<b>11,587</b>	<b>139,311</b>	<b>168,443</b>